

December 2017



Notes from the District Director



Season's Greetings District One Members,

I hope you enjoy this Special Edition of the District One Director's Notes, which contains news from each of our State Presidents, and updates from our Committee Chairs on their recent activities and future directions. I hope you enjoy time with family and friends over the holidays, and as we ring in a new year! I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in Boston next month for the EATA Convention.

Happy Holidays,

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District One Director

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wishes you and your family...





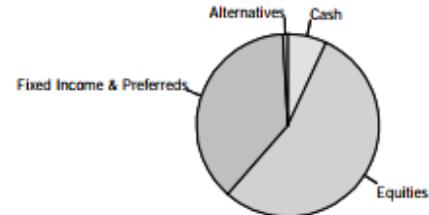
From the Treasurer
Diane Sartanowicz, MS, LAT, ATC

Account balance as of November 30, 2016	\$284,266.00
Account balance as of November 30, 2017	\$291,233.28
Difference	\$ 6,967.28

ASSET ALLOCATION (as of November 30, 2017)

ASSET ALLOCATION (includes accrued interest)

	Market Value	Percentage
Cash	\$20,040.49	6.88
Equities	159,157.75	54.65
Fixed Income & Preferreds	109,262.16	37.52
Alternatives	2,772.88	0.95
TOTAL VALUE	\$291,233.28	100.00%



FDIC rules apply and Bank Deposits are eligible for FDIC insurance but are not covered by SIPC. Cash and securities (including MMFs) are eligible for SIPC coverage. See Expanded Disclosures. Values may include assets externally held, which are provided to you as a courtesy, and may not be covered by SIPC. For additional information, refer to the corresponding section of this statement.

This asset allocation represents holdings on a trade date basis, and projected settled Cash/BDP and MMF balances. These classifications do not constitute a recommendation and may differ from the classification of instruments for regulatory or tax purposes.

Dues collected June-Dec 2016	\$36,710.00
Dues collected June-Dec 2017	\$15,885.00 + Dec. 20 th Dues Disbursement

Allocations from above distributed to the states for dues

FY 2016	\$19,653.00
FY 2017	\$8,362.70 + Dec. 20 th Dues Disbursement

Liabilities - none.

Due to the timing of this special edition December Notes, the above numbers do not accurately reflect the dues collected. Membership continues to increase and so we anticipate a greater December disbursement period. I look forward to providing you with a detailed financial report at our business meeting at EATA in Boston.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Sartanowicz





From the District Secretary

Vicky Graham, DAT, LAT, ATC

NATA District One currently has over 3000 active members, including over 680 students. Your membership supports the efforts of the NATA, District One, and your state association to promote, protect, and advance the profession. We greatly appreciate your membership and your commitment!

District at a Glance

Member Category	Members
Certified Regular	2033
Associate	59
Retired Certified	83
Honorary	8
Non-Member	0
Student Undergrad	583
Student Graduate	33
Student Certified	63
Career Starter Cert	179
Total	3041

Member Category	CT	MA	ME	NH	RI	VT	Total
Certified Regular	477	836	215	244	119	142	2033
Associate	7	27	6	7	1	11	59
Retired Certified	17	39	10	7	5	5	83
Honorary	1	4	1	1	1	0	8
Student Undergrad	119	224	66	96	14	64	583
Student Graduate	3	22	1	2	1	4	33
Student Certified	25	22	5	7	3	1	63
Career Starter Cert	47	76	14	23	7	12	179
Total	696	1250	318	387	151	239	3041

Note: Member totals as of 12/8/2017



From the EATA President

Greg Janik



Dear Friends,

We hope to see everyone in Boston for the EATA's 70th Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium, held January 5-8, 2018 at the Sheraton Boston Hotel. We are excited for the Inaugural EATA Educators Conference to be held on Friday simultaneously with many of our workshops. President-Elect Hauth has prepared an outstanding educational program, including 5 EBP CEUS during the general session, 10 EBPs available in the workshops, and an additional 11 categories A CEUs in the general sessions. Also, members of the NATA District One and Two Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee will be hosting workshop for high school students in the Boston area on Friday.

On Saturday our general session program will begin and this year the EATA Pinky Newell Address will be a standalone presentation featuring Mark J. Smaha who will discuss his journey of triumph and tragedy. I am confident that you will be touched by Mark's words. This day you will also get updates from what your state associations have been up to. In the evening the EATA will host the EATA Reception. Please consider purchasing a NATAPAC pint glass and get free refills at the 3rd Annual NATAPAC fundraiser. The banquet will again highlight our award and scholarships winners. This year we will be inducting only our second class of EATA Hall of Fame '49 Club. Shortly after the banquet will be the Collins Reception - bring your dancing shoes!

You can then end the long EATA weekend with more great educational programs along with the District and EATA's meetings. Again, I hope you will come out and spend time with your friends in Boston as we learn together, network together, and make the profession better together.

Please follow us on our EATA social media outlets





President

Dominique Mathieu Ross, PhD, ATC

The past 6 months have been busy for ATOM. We've been actively advocating for, *An Act Relative to the Act of Athletic Training, An Act Promoting Consumer Choice in Health Care and An Act Relative to Student Safety in Interscholastic Athletic Activities*. In June, we held a legislative briefing to educate law makers on the role of athletic trainers in health care. We had a great turnout and garnered additional support. Following the briefing, ATOM provided oral and written testimony in support of each bill. Our momentum continues to stem from the grassroots efforts of our membership.

In addition to the bills that were filed at the onset of the legislative session, ATOM worked with Senator Mike Rush to file Amendment #31, *Workplace Care of S.2202 An Act furthering health empowerment and affordability by leveraging transformative health care*. The Amendment charged the health policy commission with providing recommendations regarding the role of athletic trainers in workplace health. The final report is to be based on evidence and our educational competencies. We are confident this neutral commission will see the benefit of athletic trainers in a variety of settings. Currently, the bill has passed the Senate and will continue through the legislative process in January.

In November, ATOM also hosted our Young Professionals Conference at Lasell College. Over 60 young professionals and students attended! A special thank you to our speakers and panelists who continue to make this event a success. We also issued a call for nominations to fill the majority of executive board positions. Congratulations to the following folks:

PRESIDENT

Robert Colandreo, DPT, LAT, ATC, CSCS
Bridgewater State University

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Brett Winston, MS, LAT, AT
Springfield College

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Endicott College

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Harvard University

MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE

Brenda LaRow, MS, LAT, ATC
Becker College

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at EATA in Boston. Please be sure to visit us at our State meeting!



President

Jeffrey Shanley, MBA, MS, LAT, ATC



The CATA has been busy through the summer and this fall. This summer, the Connecticut House of Representatives and the State Senate voted unanimously to pass our new practice act. It was passed by the House on May 10th and by the Senate on June 7th. Finally on July 10th, Governor Daniel Malloy signed the bill giving us our new practice act that took effect on October 1st. This new practice act changed our patient population from athlete to physically active individual. It also placed stronger guidelines on standing orders, allows athletic trainers to now work in emerging settings, and made a requirement for all practicing athletic trainers to carry liability insurance. You can see an [FAQ sheet about the new practice act here](#). The CATA Executive Council would like to thank Eleni Diakogeorgiou, Perry Siegel, James Doran, Gary Morin, and Nicole Klarides-Ditria for all their hard work, dedication, and perseverance to get a new practice act for the State of Connecticut. We would also like to thank our membership for their support throughout the process and the many members that contributed to this over the past 7 years.

We are currently in the middle of our annual coat drive which over the past 10 years has collected over 2000 coats for the needy. There is still time to get involved in the coat drive if you are interested. Information is posted on the main page of our website. We have also started to look forward to National Athletic Training Month and will be planning a few activities for members during the month. The PRC and YP committees are working together on some fun events to promote athletic trainers.

Finally, we have been working with the CIAC on collection of concussion data in all sports in Connecticut high schools. We have collected 2 years of data on football only and starting next year, all sports will be tracked with a reporting system that is currently getting a few issues worked out. High school athletic trainers are encouraged to participate starting next year once final approval has been given by the CATA.





President
Christopher Rizzo MS, ATC, CSCS

The Maine Athletic Trainers' Association recently held its annual Fall business meeting at the Thayer Auditorium on the Waterville Campus of Maine General Medical Center. President Christopher Rizzo, MS, ATC, CSCS announced the re-election of Kristen Bailey, MS, ATC as Secretary and election of Steve Tosi, MA, ATC as Treasurer. The MATA would like to thank Brad Gallant, ATC for five years of service in his role as Treasurer (pictured below).



The dates for the Northern New England Athletic Trainers' Conference have been set for June 1st-3rd at the Double Tree Hotel in South Portland, ME. The Continuing Education Committee continues to work on the Conference Program.

In other news, Secondary School Athletic Trainers continue to successfully meet the criteria for the Safe Sport School Award. Most recently, Kent's Hill School (Grady Congleton, MS, ATC) and Old Town High School (Scott Audet, ATC) were recognized for the First Team Safe Sport School Award. This brings the state total to thirteen First Team awards. (See picture next column)



The University of Maine at Orono hosted the annual Athletic Training Student Symposium on November 4th. Students from each of the state's four Athletic Training Programs were in attendance. The symposium featured presentations on "Changes in the AT Profession" by Director Tim Weston, MEd, ATC, as well as Physician-led lectures entitled "AT's in the Doctor's Office", "Sport Specialization" and "Technology in Medicine". Students also had an opportunity to participate in a taping contest and quiz bowl.

Reminder!

BOC reporting deadline for CE is December 29, 2017.

The logo is circular with the text 'APPROVED CE PROVIDER' around the top and bottom edges. In the center, it says 'BOC' and 'FOR THE ATHLETIC TRAINER'.





President
Ben Towne MA, ATC

The NHATA membership has had a productive second half of 2017.

The NHATA was proud to host the Northern New England Athletic Training Conference this past June, and enjoyed interacting with our colleagues from Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

New Hampshire has been well represented both at the state and national levels as well. The NHATA was proud to honor Amy Hollingworth as the 2017 Recipient of the NHATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award. In addition, Laura Decoster (pictured right) was recognized by the NATA as a 2017 recipient of the Athletic Trainer Service Award. We are all proud to have you as colleagues!



Our 3rd Annual NHATA Golf Tournament was held this past July at Beaver Meadow Golf Course in Concord, NH. Thanks to the hard work of many throughout our organization, we were able to raise a significant amount of funds. We hope to have an even larger event in 2018.

We continue to advance several initiatives, including completion of the ATLAS mapping project in New Hampshire, working with our state licensing office in the creation of a guide to help streamline the licensing process for those seeking to work within New Hampshire, mapping NH legislators with ATC's within their district, collecting historical documents, to name a few. Our committee members have been working diligently and are primarily to thank for their tireless efforts.

The NHATA Board will welcome three new board members this January, and are encouraged by both the numbers nominated and running for positions. We have been strongly encouraged by membership response to date, and are looking forward to seeing everyone at EATA's in Boston! Here's to a successful 2018 in the Granite State!



Rhode Island Athletic Trainers' Association



President
Valerie Webber, MS, ATC

Happy Winter from Rhode Island, I hope everyone had a healthy and safe Fall season. As we enter the winter season, Rhode Island has a couple of items to report. This past July, the RIATA celebrated its 25th anniversary at Finn's Harborside in East Greenwich. It was great to see new and old

faces as we celebrate our silver anniversary with a couple of our founding members and members of the District 1 executive board. Here's to another 25 fabulous years!

Below: RIATA Board and District One Officers pictured with John Rock and Kim Bissonette, two of the founding members of RIATA.



Also, the RIATA received the Brain Injury Association Of Rhode Island (BIARI) Leadership Award at their gala on November 3. In the past year, BIARI has been a vocal supporter of our organization providing testimony for our bill requiring athletic trainers in the high schools in the house and senate.

Pictured below: Past President, Andrew Llaguno & President, Valerie Webber

In this upcoming season, we are planning to host our Winter Conference in March 2018. Also, we have an upcoming meeting with our lobbyist this month to discuss our past legislation proposals and also to introduce another bill. I hope to see you at EATA in Boston in January, have a safe and wonderful holiday season.





President
Timothy Tourville, Ph.D., ATC

Since the 2017 NATA Convention in Houston, TX the Vermont Association of Athletic Trainers has been hard at work advancing the AT profession in Vermont.

Our 2nd Annual **Vermont AT Student Education Symposium** was hosted by Castleton University in Rutland, VT on Sunday, December 2nd and included students, faculty, and clinical preceptors from Castleton University, Norwich University and the University of Vermont. We had a successful program, which included presentations from District One's own Tim Weston, MEd, ATC (pictured right); as well as Kelly Cray, ATC, Matt Cutts, MS, ATC, and Jim Russell, MD, FACEP, as well as others. This symposium provided an excellent venue for collaboration, professional development and team building for our students, which is directly aligned with the mission of the VAAT and will give our student members a more formal voice in our association. The symposium will continue to rotate annually between each of VT's three AT Educational Programs, with Norwich University hosting the event during the 2018-2019 academic year.

At the **state administrative level**, Molly Paturzo, MEd, ATC, OTC (VAAT President-Elect), will assume the role of President at the completion of her 2-year President-Elect term during the summer of 2018. One of our long-term Executive Council members, Vin Faraci, MS, ATC, has also stated that he will not be seeking an additional term on the board as he feels it is time for others to "step-up" and assume leadership roles within the organization; and we will consequently be holding an election to fill his vacancy this summer. We cannot thank Vin enough for his many years of exceptional service and dedication to our organization and the profession of athletic training!!

On the **VT legislative front**, we are proposing to open our practice act during the 2018 VT legislative session to clarify/remove of our practice setting definitions (including "clinical" and "traditional" settings). We feel the best vehicle for proposing these changes are

through the VT Office of Professional Regulation Omnibus bill, as no other professions define practice settings in their practice act and we are simply omitting overly constrictive language that inhibits ATs from practicing as autonomous health care providers in the sports med clinic environment. We will be meeting with various parties to ensure we have the blessing of the ORP and Secretary of State's office for this simple house-keeping change in the upcoming weeks.

Preparations have begun for **2018 Athletic Training month** with a number of community outreach programs. Of specific note, AT Program students at our are currently holding fundraisers and planning outreach programs to support our relationship with the Vermont Adaptive Sports Association and Vermont Combat-Disabled Veterans (as well as others), while promoting the profession of Athletic Training with Vermont-based charitable groups.

Due to relatively low attendance at previous VAAT Winter Meetings, we will hold our next biannual meeting at the EATA Conference in Boston, MA during our regularly scheduled state meeting time.





ATs Care

Laura Darby McNally, LAT, ATC

District One Chair

ATs Care is very busy creating a Policy and Procedure document, while at the same time engaging in helping ATs in District One process critical incidents. The committee has created infographics to get the word

out, an online submission form to request assistance for yourself or a fellow AT, and pamphlets to give to ATs for future support. We have reached out to assist, in just this first year in existence, over 20 incidents in District One. To date, we have only two CISM trained ATs in District One.

ATs Care for District One is currently looking to have ATs train in Critical Incident Stress Management Peer-to-Peer training. Many of the Districts, District One included, will be first establishing a District Response Team, with members from each state. As things grow and develop, the Districts will assess whether having State teams, like Ohio and NJ, or District Team structure will serve our members best. At EATA, there is a day and half session being offered (Friday afternoon and Sunday), if you would like to train to assist your peers and become part of the District One Response Team, please consider this workshop opportunity.

There will be an opportunity also to get training at the NATA in June. The future plan is to have the ability to offer training more locally.

If you want more information, please be in touch and if you or a fellow AT needs support go to the [ATs Care site](#).



Professional

Responsibility

Jeff Konin, PhD, ATC, PT, FNATA

District One Chair

The Professional Responsibility in Athletic Training (PRAT) Committee's mission is "to support the legal, ethical, and regulatory (LER) practice standards² by encouraging and promoting adherence." PRAT has been extremely active; [click here](#) for a complete report on the Committee's activities over the past six months.



NATA GAC Update

Jamie L. Musler, MS, ATC, CES

District One Chair

The NATA GAC recently completed its review of legislative grant applications for 2018. A total of 37 states requested funding (Discretionary & Matching) totaling \$739,732. Discretionary grant requests totaled \$703,732

and matching grant request totaled \$36,000. The NATA has awarded over \$509,000 in discretionary grants in support of state legislative efforts. State associations in District 1 continue to be very active with their legislative and governmental affair agendas received over \$54,000 in grants.

Update: U.S. Department of Labor will Rewrite Salary and Overtime Rule

On July 28, 2017, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) submitted a court filing in the Eastern District of Texas asserting that it will not defend the Obama Administration's "Overtime Rule." The decision not to defend the rule in court essentially means it will not be implemented. However, DOL made clear that it intends to conduct a thorough review to update the overtime policy in subsequent rulemaking.

UPDATE: Custom Fabricated Orthotics Rule

Effective August 1, 2017, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has posted on their website that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed rule titled *Establishment of Special Payment Provisions and Requirements for Qualified Practitioners and Qualified Suppliers of Prosthetics and Custom-Fabricated Orthotics* (CMS-6012-P) has been withdrawn,. NATA has confirmed the agency has chosen to withdraw the proposed rule. It is unclear whether the agency will revisit this issue in future.

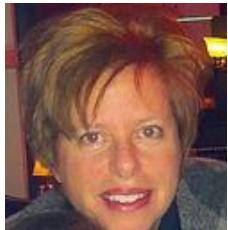


International Committee

Yuri Hosokawa, MAT, ATC

District One Chair

The International Committee launched a NATA international Speaker Program, which provides funding support to athletic training scientists and clinicians who wish to present their research or intellectual content at conferences or symposia outside of the United States. The financial assistance provided by this program will increase global recognition of the profession and the role athletic trainers play in prevention and rehabilitation. Detailed information about the application procedure can be found from [here](#).



Professional Education Committee

Kimberly A. Wise, EdD, ATC, LAT
District One Chair

I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight activities from the Professional Education Committee's (PEC) since my last report as well as send best wishes to you and your family for a joyous holiday season.

As gentle reminder, the mission of the NATA PEC supports the collaborative relationship between the profession of athletic training and the educational process. The PEC emphasizes best practices in didactic and clinical education, faculty and preceptor development, and the overall enhancement of professional education in an effort to prepare athletic trainers who are uniquely qualified to excel within a dynamic healthcare system. As charged by the NATA Executive Committee for Education (ECE) the PEC continues to refine processes for improving educational programming; workgroups were recently created that concentrate on goals/tactics in the following areas: *Professional Readiness, Curricular Content, Continuous Quality Improvement & Degree Transition.*

Master Preceptor Program - The NATA Professional Education Committee has completed Level One of a three-part program on preceptor development. It is housed in the [Professional Development Center](#) where you can also watch a video that provides an overview of the courses.

[AT Teaching Tips series](#) was designed to recognize and share innovative teaching and learning ideas by academic professionals in the field of athletic training through the distribution of pedagogical tips that can be used to enhance the teaching, learning and assessment environment.

Tips will demonstrate strategies that align with one of the categories below:

- Increasing student motivation
- Promote active learning
- Engage students in learning course related content
- Develop learner attitudes, values and self-awareness

A Teaching Tip is essentially 7-10 minute video which offer AT educators or any NATA member a 'teaching tip' in hopes to develop teaching methodology, best practice, content delivery and/or assessment. The PEC developed a PowerPoint template to utilize when creating the tip...which makes crafting the tip super easy. If you are interested in creating an AT Teaching Tip please contact [Kimberly Wise](#) at your earliest convenience.

2018 PEC Presentation at NATA Convention Title: Professional Readiness: Strategies to Prepare Students to Successfully Navigate their Transition to Practice.

Around the corner...be on the lookout for announcements regarding the first iLead held in 2019 and Preceptor Award submissions.

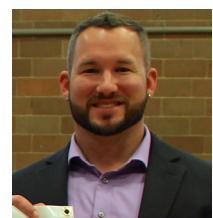
A special shout out to PEC's leader, Mary Barnum, we thank you for your dedication, hard work, willingness to serve, and commitment to advancing the Athletic Training profession.



Student Leadership Committee

Sean O'Gara, EMT-B
District One Chair

The fall semester was a productive time for the District One Student Ambassador Program. Of the 26 athletic training programs in District One, 18 are represented thus far. The Student Ambassadors have consistently demonstrated leadership skills and are eager to share information with students across the district. Student Ambassadors are continuing to put forth efforts toward promoting NATA student membership and students obtaining NPI numbers. The Student Ambassador Program has been successful in opening communication for students across the district. Members of our committee have shared valuable ideas on how to fundraise for students to attend the upcoming EATA meeting. At EATA, we will have a Student Ambassador Breakfast where we will be able to meet in person and network as developing students and professionals.



Public Relations Update

Matt Campbell, MS, ATC, PES
District One Chair

The Public Relations Committee has enjoyed a very exciting time since our last update. We have recently expanded our committee to include at large members from all professional sports organizations. This expansion provides the committee additional view points from a unique population to help explore other avenues to spread the message of Athletic Training to our external stakeholders. The PR committee recently updated the Public Relations Stylebook. This is a great resource to utilize when promoting yourself and the profession. It is also a very useful resource when planning activities for National Athletic Training Month (NATM).

The 2018 NATM theme is Compassionate Care for All. This should be a great theme to guide your promotional activities for the month. The PR committee published an article in the November NATA News providing information on potential ideas and some activities to avoid. While the month of February is a great time to promote the profession, it is important to remember it is more than the month of February. Promotion of the profession is a year-long activity so don't feel that there are restrictions to only actively promoting the profession one month out of the year.



SSATC Report

Denise Alosa, MS, ATC

District One Chair

District One grants for the Safe Sports School Award continue. There are still a number of grants available for any state in the district. If your school is working towards this, please submit your application to me. [Click here](#) for the grant application.

The Gatorade Secondary School Award winner has been chosen and will be presented the award at the District One meeting at the EATA Conference.

Keep watching for the electronic Secondary School Newsletter from the NATA. If you have never received it and would like to, please contact me at dalosa@sbschools.net.

ATLAS update: The United States is 99% mapped. There are 222 schools left to map. 66% of schools mapped have access to athletic training services (33.7% FT, 32% PT, 33% have athletics with no AT). The next focus is to have all schools with AT's complete the survey. It is a yearly survey, and should be updated each year for each school. Additionally there are a few new questions added to collect as much accurate data as possible. Currently 45% of schools are mapped. The goal is to have 65% mapped by NATA meeting in June. Thanks to all of you who made this happen. The current District One survey completion rate looks like this VT 100%, Maine 100%, NH 66%, RI 44%, MA 40%, CT 42%. Let's try to be the first District completely surveyed!



Young Professionals Committee Update

Dominique Ross, PhD, ATC

District One Chair

We're looking forward to EATA in Boston!

The Young Professionals Committee will be holding an educational forum on osteoarthritis during EATA on Friday, January 5th, 2018 in the Hampton Room. The event will be a guided discussion about recognizing OA, injury prevention, and patient education. This is a great opportunity for YPs to network and learn about the long-term wellness of our patients. See you all there!



COPA Update

Molly Paturzio, MEd, ATC, OTC

District One Chair

The NATA Committee on Practice Advancement (COPA) is comprised of members from all settings, including clinical and emerging practices, with experience in billing, revenue generation, reimbursement, job creation and practice advancement. Its mission is to advance

the athletic training profession in business and employment opportunities, compensation, and brand recognition of athletic trainers as health care professionals.

COPA had another busy and successful Convention in Houston. Preconference workshops were held for the Physician Practice setting in both Introductory and Advanced tracks with sessions and labs highlighting such topics as diagnostic ultrasound, casting, business concepts and improved efficiencies in clinic, and discussion on how to advance opportunities in your area of practice. The Performing Arts preconference workshop was also very popular, partnering with the staff and performers of the Houston Ballet to deliver some excellent hands on learning opportunities unique to dance medicine. In addition to these COPA-sponsored preconference workshops, there was a Public Safety workshop devoted to preparation for mass casualty events with very realistic actors and wound simulation makeup. COPA now has representation from the Public Safety setting and we look forward to collaborating on educational activities such as these in the future. The COPA networking reception was extremely well attended in Houston, and we enjoyed connecting with so many peers and colleagues interested in or currently working in emerging settings.

NATM is just a few short months away, and it's never too soon to start preparing! COPA is planning another photo campaign for NATM 2018 after a very successful effort in 2017. This year's theme is "I am an AT. This is my patient." If you work with a unique patient population or in a unique setting COPA wants to highlight you! More info on photo submission details can be found on the COPA Facebook page [HERE](#).

COPA is committed to staying in touch and delivering vital resources to all NATA members. We've recently added more innovative ways to highlight the emerging settings through formats such as Facebook Live and Twitter Takeover days to demonstrate "A Day in the Life" of ATs working in our representative settings. To stay up to date on all of the supporting documents and resources to benefit your individual practice, or assist you in making a transition be sure to follow our social medial channels.

Keep in touch with COPA all year round!

Quarterly e-blasts for Emerging Settings subscribe [HERE](#)

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Join the NATA Emerging Settings AT Group on LinkedIn [HERE](#)



History & Archives

Jeff Stone, MEd, ATC

District One Chair

Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays to all my friends in District One...and hopes for a Happy and Safe New Year!

The second delivery of archival material will soon be delivered to Bridgewater State University, which will continue the task of completing documented histories for the EATA and District One. This is an ongoing process of researching collected paperwork, gathering donations of memorabilia from deceased members (through their family's memorial efforts), and fulfilling requests for information on past and present members. Recent records compiled for archiving include the collection of speeches from past Pinky Newell Award winners; a record of District One Scholarship winners from the EATA (broken down by school); District One Honors and Awards listings (EATA and NATA); record of officers from the EATA Student Delegation; and a complete District One NATA Hall of Fame list. This archival journey is a perpetual scavenger hunt...from retrieving old athletic training textbooks to writing memorial tributes, to answering requests for lost information on members...we must cherish the past and embrace the future!

In this regard, I am reaching out to the District One membership for your help...and offering you a chance to clean out your files, cellars, attics, athletic training rooms and supply closets! Please contact me at istone@suffolk.edu if you are willing to donate items such as newsletters, membership files and directories; pictures; NATA convention t-shirts; old Cramer Products supplies; old textbooks... **BEFORE YOU THROW IT AWAY...CALL ME!!!** Your little bit of information could be a missing piece of our history!



ICSM Update

Robert L. Howard, PhD, ATC

District One Chair

Since the first meeting of Intercollegiate Council for Sports Medicine (ICSM) took place this past June at the NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo, the group has been busy laying the foundation on how best to be

advocates for both student athletes and collegiate athletic trainers. Since a major goal of the ICSM is to ensure there is athletic trainer input involved with national collegiate health and safety issues, representation from all collegiate levels have been incorporated within the group. District One representatives include Brant Berkstresser from Harvard, Jennifer Brodeur from UMass, Rick Burr from Babson, and myself, Bob Howard from UConn.

Moving forward, the group has outlined an aggressive agenda to tackle at the Joint Committee Meeting in January. A few items to highlight include a mini-conference tailored to the needs of collegiate athletic trainers leading into NATA: Unchallengeable Authority, Strength & Conditioning Certification, NCAA Rules, Transition to Practice and Social Media Communication to members. The ICSM is constantly looking for health and safety initiatives that are important to all collegiate athletic trainers, so please do not hesitate to reach out with any thoughts or concerns.

Lastly, I am requesting that people take a few minutes and nominate deserving individuals for the following ICSM awards: **Head Athletic Trainer of The Year**, **Staff Athletic Trainer of The Year**, the **Above and Beyond Award**, and the **New Horizon Award**. **Nominations are due by January 31, 2018, and information can be found here.**



Diane Sartanowicz

NATAPAC Board of Directors, District One

The NATA Political Action Committee (NATAPAC) is the only dedicated political organization intent on serving the profession of athletic training through legislative progress. PACs are designed to be a method of pooling campaign contributions from members and donating those funds to campaigns for or against candidates.

Please join us at the EATA event on Saturday, January 6th 2018 before the banquet. Purchase a special NATAPAC glass for \$30.00 and enjoy some beer with friends until the kegs run out. There are only 210 glasses available so buy one when you register for the 70th Annual EATA Meeting and Clinical Symposium.

Any questions please contact: Diane Sartanowicz, MS, LAT, ATC, NATAPAC District One Board of Director at: diane.sartanowicz@childrens.harvard.edu.



Upcoming Events - 2018

- January 5-8 EATA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
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